

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A genuine/counterfeit discrimination method, comprising identifying on a genuine/counterfeit discrimination object a combination of at least two of an electric field pattern, a magnetic pattern, an electron beam responsive pattern, an X-ray responsive pattern, and reflection or absorption patterns of visible light, ultraviolet light, and infrared light, using an electric field, a magnetic field, an electron beam, an X-ray beam, visible light, ultraviolet light, or infrared light,

wherein the genuine/counterfeit discrimination object is a printed matter obtained by printing with a color ink composition comprising a powder of colored particles, said powder is prepared by coating base particles with a multilayered film so as to exhibit color by means of light interference, and to enable the particles to show a specific interference reflection peak in a region besides the visible light region, and said color ink composition is prepared by dispersing the powder into a dispersion medium for ink.

2. (original): The genuine/counterfeit discrimination method according to claim 1, wherein all the patterns to be identified are identical.

3. (original): The genuine/counterfeit discrimination method according to claim 1, wherein each of the patterns is imaged and the images are compared and identified.

4. (original): The genuine/counterfeit discrimination method according to claim 1, wherein the identification of a visible-light pattern is indispensable.

5. (canceled).

6. (currently amended): The genuine/counterfeit discrimination method according to ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein the base particles ~~used in the color ink composition are~~ comprise a magnetic material.

7. (currently amended): The genuine/counterfeit discrimination method according to ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein the base particles ~~used in the color ink composition are~~ comprise a conductive material.

8. (original): The genuine/counterfeit discrimination method according to claim 1, characterized in that the electron beam responsive pattern formed with an electron beam is identified with an electron microscope.

9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended): ~~A~~The genuine/counterfeit discrimination object, having formed thereon for identification a combination of at least two of an electric field pattern, a magnetic pattern, an electron beam responsive pattern, an X-ray responsive pattern, and reflection or absorption patterns of visible light, ultraviolet light and infrared light, said at least two patterns discernible by subjecting the genuine/counterfeit discrimination object to an electric field, a magnetic field, an electron beam, an X-ray beam, visible light, ultraviolet light, or infrared light, which genuine/counterfeit discrimination object according to claim 9, which is a printed matter obtained through by printing with a color ink composition comprising a powder of colored particles, said powder prepared by coating base particles with a multilayered film to so

as to exhibit color the particles by means of the resultant light interference color, and to enable the particles to show a specific interference reflection peak in a region besides the visible light region, and said color ink composition prepared by dispersing the resultant powder into a dispersion medium for ink.

11. (currently amended): A~~The~~ genuine/counterfeit discrimination object, having formed thereon for identification a combination of at least two of an electric field pattern, a magnetic pattern, an electron beam responsive pattern, an X-ray responsive pattern, and reflection or absorption patterns of visible light, ultraviolet light and infrared light, said at least two patterns discernible by subjecting the genuine/counterfeit discrimination object to an electric field, a magnetic field, an electron beam, an X-ray beam, visible light, ultraviolet light, or infrared light, which genuine/counterfeit discrimination object according to claim 9, which is obtained by forming a peculiar differentiation pattern on a substrate by coating with a color ink composition comprising a powder of colored particles, said powder prepared by coating base particles with a multilayered film to so as to exhibit color the particles by means of the resultant light interference color, and to enable the particles to show a specific interference reflection peak in a region besides the visible light region, and said color ink composition prepared by dispersing the resultant powder into a dispersion medium for ink.

12. (original): The genuine/counterfeit discrimination object according to claim 10 or 11, wherein the matter to be printed or the substrate is a sheet or plate, a woven fabric, or a knit fabric made of a paper, resin, glass, rubber, ceramic, or metal.

13. (canceled).

14. (canceled).

15. (currently amended): A genuine/counterfeit discrimination device, comprising means for identifying on a genuine/counterfeit discrimination object a combination of at least two of an electric field pattern, a magnetic pattern, an electron beam responsive pattern, an X-ray responsive pattern, and reflection or absorption patterns of visible light, ultraviolet light, and infrared light, using an electric field, a magnetic field, an electron beam, an X-ray beam, visible light, ultraviolet light, or infrared light,

wherein the genuine/counterfeit discrimination object is a printed matter obtained by printing with a color ink composition comprising a powder of colored particles, said powder is prepared by coating base particles with a multilayered film so as to exhibit color by means of light interference, and to enable the particles to show a specific interference reflection peak in a region besides the visible light region, and said color ink composition is prepared by dispersing the powder into a dispersion medium for ink, and

wherein all the patterns to be identified are identical,

said device comprising at least two devices selected from a device for identifying an electric field pattern, a device for identifying a magnetic pattern, a device for identifying an electron beam responsive pattern, a device for identifying an X-ray responsive pattern, a device for identifying a visible-light pattern, a device for identifying an ultraviolet-light pattern, and a device for identifying an infrared-light pattern and further comprising a device for comparing and identifying patterns obtained with these identification devices.

16. (original): The genuine/counterfeit discrimination device according to claim 15, which indispensably has the device for identifying a visible-light pattern.

17. (original): The genuine/counterfeit discrimination device according to claim 15, wherein the device for identifying an electron beam responsive pattern is an electron microscope.